

JAN 28 2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii
2 technology development corporation's statutory mandate under
3 chapter 206M, Hawaii Revised Statutes, includes facilitating the
4 growth of the technology industry, supporting startups,
5 developing technology infrastructure, encouraging
6 commercialization, coordinating statewide innovation efforts,
7 and promoting Hawaii as a location for technology-based economic
8 activity.

9 In 2025, the legislature adopted S.C.R. No. 40 (2025) and
10 H.C.R. No. 156 (2025) urging the Hawaii technology development
11 corporation to increase its focus on advanced manufacturing and
12 cybersecurity. This direction reflects the legislature's
13 recognition that advanced manufacturing and cybersecurity are
14 critical enablers of economic resilience, supply-chain security,
15 workforce development, and national competitiveness.

16 The legislature also finds that the Hawaii technology
17 development corporation previously relied on federal funding



1 through the National Institute of Standards and Technology's
2 Manufacturing Extension Partnership to support advanced
3 manufacturing initiatives statewide. With the termination of
4 this funding, the corporation currently lacks sufficient
5 internal capacity to continue these efforts, respond to
6 legislative direction, and support Hawaii manufacturers,
7 defense-adjacent industries, and emerging technology companies.
8 The legislature further finds that effective technology and
9 innovation ecosystem development also requires sustained
10 investment in marketing, branding, and outreach to increase
11 awareness of Hawaii's technology programs, attract talent and
12 investment, and ensure participation across all islands.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to strengthen the
14 State's technology and innovation ecosystem by appropriating
15 funds to the Hawaii technology development corporation for the
16 establishment of necessary positions.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the
20 establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent
21 advance manufacturing and cybersecurity specialist position



1 within the Hawaii technology development corporation to lead
2 statewide initiatives, including but not limited to:

3 (1) Supporting activities formerly funded through the
4 National Institute of Standards and Technology's
5 Manufacturing Extension Partnership;

6 (2) Advancing legislative priorities related to advanced
7 manufacturing and cybersecurity, including ecosystem
8 coordination and industry support;

9 (3) Providing technical assistance to Hawaii
10 manufacturers, suppliers, and technology companies to
11 improve productivity, security, and resilience; and

12 (4) Supporting workforce development, cybersecurity
13 readiness, and federal grant competitiveness in
14 advanced manufacturing and related sectors.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
16 technology development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the
20 establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent
21 marketing and branding specialist position with the Hawaii



1 technology development corporation to support the corporation's
2 strategic plan, including but not limited to:

3 (1) Marketing technology programs, facilities, and funding
4 opportunities administered or supported by the
5 corporation;

6 (2) Developing and managing statewide branding efforts to
7 strengthen the State's technology and innovation
8 ecosystem;

9 (3) Managing public information, outreach, communications,
10 and stakeholder engagement;

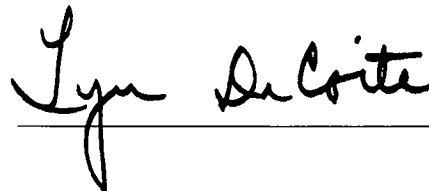
11 (4) Supporting conferences, events, talent-attraction
12 initiatives, and ecosystem convenings; and

13 (5) Advancing the objectives of the corporation's
14 strategic plan and legislative priorities.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
16 technology development corporation for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

18 INTRODUCED BY:





S.B. NO. 3166

Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent Advanced Manufacturing and Cybersecurity Specialist position and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent Marketing and Branding Specialist position within the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

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